

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 856

Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza

February 20, 2003

An act relating to economic development.

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AB 856, as introduced, Oropeza. Community regional collaboration: partnership.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to do whatever is necessary to solve the state's disconnected economic efforts through a partnership with the state and community regional collaboration.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Today, California's economic regions are competing
- 4 globally. This fierce competition requires state and local
- 5 governments to support each region's economic competitive
- 6 advantage by quickly realigning and delivering critical resources
- 7 such as infrastructure development, manufacturing improvement,
- 8 workforce training, and foreign trade oriented services. Currently,
- 9 the state uses a 19th century approach to address the problems of
- 10 California's 21st century economy.



1 (b) Increasingly, community-initiated regional collaboratives,
2 spearheaded by business, local government, and the community,
3 are defining regional and community economic development
4 priorities that maximize the region's competitive advantage.

5 (c) Community regional collaborative efforts have identified
6 key regional economic issues such as improving primary and
7 secondary education, regulatory streamlining, mobile and
8 stationary source emission reduction, and coordinating
9 cross-jurisdictional local government economic development
10 programs.

11 (d) To be successful, state government economic development
12 policy setting and program realignment must be driven from the
13 bottom up, that is, by regionally defined economic and community
14 needs.

15 (f) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to enact
16 legislation to do whatever is necessary to solve these disconnected
17 efforts through a partnership with the state and community
18 regional collaboration.

